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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Honorable Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

DISPLAY DEVICE

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 3, first full paragraph

However, an organic EL layer which serves as the basic portion of the organic EL display device is very liable to oxidize, and it easily deteriorates in the presence of a slight amount of oxygen. Besides, it has a low resistance to heat, and this also is a factor promoting oxidation. The liability to oxidize is the cause of a short lifetime of the organic EL element, and has formed a serious obstacle in putting this element into practical use.